

EASTER SUNDAY

Readings This Weekend:

Acts 10:34-43 Col 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Readings Next Weekend:

Acts 5:12-16 Rev 1:9-19 John 20:19-31



Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his Blood, who has made us into a Kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Rev (1:5-8) Today we acknowledge Jesus' triumph over death. Just when all seemed a total loss, the disciples experienced his resurrected glory. To those of us who remain faithful, Jesus' story is our story too. Whatever our crosses, disappointments, trials or set-backs, the truth is that troubles don't last always. The Book of Psalms reminds us, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy will come with the morning light" (Ps 30:5). The Easter message is one of victory for us. Whatever situation you may be going through just say, I'll rise! Tell Satan, "Victory is mine!" Address every fear with the words of an old song: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow! This is the feast of Jesus' victory and ours too. Rejoice today that you're on the winning team!



Sunday, March 31

8:00pm (Sat) William G. Miles (19th anniv.) †
 8:00am Joseph E. Campbell (26th anniv.) †
 11:00am J.J. Evangelista (birthday) †

Monday, April 1

7:00am William & Catherine Miles (birthdays) †

Tuesday, April 2

7:00am Vincent & Sharon Brown (37th wedding anniv.)

Wednesday, April 3

7:00am Philip Jameson †

Thursday, April 4

7:00am Elizabeth Colston (birthday 4/3)

Friday, April 5

7:00am Maddalena Avolio †

Saturday, April 6

8:00am Patty Mayo (birthday)
 4:30pm For the People

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass in memory of a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. The customary stipend is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12 John 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15

Music Schedule

Processional
 * "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" LMGM #315
 ** "Rejoice" LMGM #310
Responsorial Psalm
 "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!"
Gospel Acclamation
 "Alleluia!"
Offertory
 "Because He Lives" LMGM #303
Communion
 "Your Sacrifice" LMGM #761
 *8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for March 24, 2013

4:30pm	78
8:00am	206
11:00am	456
Total:	740

Stewardship Report 2012—2013

Budgeted Tithes (3/24)	\$660,375
Actual Tithes (3/24)	\$652,946
Difference	-\$7,429

ELECTRONIC TITHING—Have you considered electronic tithing through the **Faith Direct** program here at HCSC? You can have your tithes deducted from your bank account TWICE a month or charged to a credit card. And, you can stop or change your amount with a phone call. It is a secure, convenient way to support your parish community. Enrollment forms are in the rear of the church, the rectory office, or you can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net. (HCSC church code: DC59). Call Kim Peaks at the rectory office for more information. It's easy and it's FREE!

MOVING IN, OUT OR WITHIN THE PARISH? RECENTLY MARRIED OR HAD A CHILD? Help us keep our records up-to-date by calling the office at 202-546-1885 or sending your new information to hscstaff@hscchurch.org. It is important that you are registered in the parish since weddings, baptisms and other parish services require registration. Thank you.



JUST A REMINDER: Please turn off or silence all cell phones and electronic devices during Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Sunday (3/31) 1:00pm Youth Easter Celebration 8:00pm AA	Friday (4/5) 8:00pm NA
Monday (4/1) RECTORY CLOSED No Novena	Saturday (4/6) 10:00am Liturgical Dance 4:30pm Mass

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
 Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:
 A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

PARISH LIFE



CONGRATULATIONS TO: Deshawn Johnson who was baptized at the Easter Vigil. Also during the Vigil, **Kira Monique Ford** was confirmed. May God bless each of them in their journey of faith. May the power of Christ in his Sacraments be a transformative reality for each of you.

EASTER CLOSINGS

HCSC RECTORY OFFICE—will be closed **Mon., April 1st**. Novena will not be held that evening.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—will not meet on Easter Sunday and will resume on **Sun., April 7th at 9:30am**.

FRIENDLY SENIORS—will not meet on April 3rd and will resume **Wed., April 10th**.

HCSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION—will be closed **Easter Sunday, March 31st**. To contact the credit union call 202-547-3245 or 410-218-5817 or email to: hscsfcu@aol.com.

Thanks —to all the parishioners who donated to the **Lenten Share in Hope Food Drive** this year. Because of your generosity HCSC collected 950 pounds of non-perishable food items for the Capitol Area Food Bank and our own pantry. Many thanks to the Social Concerns Ministry who assisted with the coordination of this food drive.

OPERATION RICE BOWL—Any parishioners participating in this alms-giving project who did not return their donation on Palm Sunday have until **Sunday, April 7th** to bring your donation to the rectory.

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE—has been distributed via e-mail or mailed to those without email. It is also posted on our website (www.hcscchurch.org) and hard copies are available in the sacristy.



ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS FOR MARRIED COUPLES—Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years on **Sunday, June 16, 2013, at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the**

Immaculate Conception. Please call or email (hscstaff@hcscchurch.org) the parish office to register and RSVP for the Mass. The names of couples celebrating an anniversary need to be turned in to the rectory by **Tuesday, April 16th**. Call the rectory if you have questions.

LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH—Classes are held **Sunday mornings at 9:30am** in the rectory for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. These classes are especially intended for those non-Catholics who are interested in becoming Catholic. This also includes adult Catholics who have missed receiving either First Holy Communion or Confirmation. This is your opportunity to inform any relatives or friends whom you know that might benefit from these instructions and formation. Contact Monsignor Pope at 202-546-1885 or email: pastor1@hcscchurch.org for details.

Youth Ministry News


Danita L. Colbert, Director of Youth Ministry
202-546-1885 ext. 25 (voicemail) * Youthdirector@hcscchurch.org

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON MONTHLY YOUTH GATHERING—is **Saturday, April 20th, 6:30pm to 11:00pm** at the **Victory Center at 4265 4th St., SE**. Fr. Raymond Moore is guest speaker. These **FREE** monthly gatherings are for **youth in grades 7—12**. **Questions?** Contact Shirley Austin (saustin7@verizon.net), Wanda Ross (wtross2002@hotmail.com) or Paula Lancaster (plancaster723@aol.com).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—in grades 7—12 to join in the fun of planning the Archdiocese of Washington monthly youth events. Come and voice your opinion. **Questions?** Contact Shirley Austin (saustin7@verizon.net), Wanda Ross (wtross2002@hotmail.com) or Paula Lancaster (plancaster7232@aol.com).

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

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HCSC has formed a **Young Adult Ministry** for parishioners age 18 to 40^{ish}. We would like to hear from you! Tell us what types of activities and events you would like to see at HCSC. Check out the *Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Young Adults Ministry* on Facebook  and let us know your thoughts or send an email.

HCSC MUSIC MINISTRY CD “We Offer Praise” ON SALE—In celebration of our 40th Anniversary, the HCSC Music Ministry released a new CD titled **“We Offer Praise”** and is available in the Candlelight Store and the rectory office for \$10!



2013 HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO—join Msgr. Pope on an 8-day pilgrimage, **October 8th-15th**, to Mexico. Trip includes a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Base cost is \$1,799 per person if a deposit of \$500 is paid before June 30th. See flyer for more information.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? If you are visiting our church and are interested in joining, stop by our rectory office located next to the church or call at 202-546-1885 for registration information.

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If you want to know more about our parish community or are interested in joining, call the rectory at 202-546-1885 or hscstaff@hcscchurch.org.

Mass Schedule: Monday thru Friday at 7:00am (Chapel)
Saturday at 8:00am (Chapel) and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am and 11:00am

Office Hours: Mon thru Wed 9am—8pm, Thurs 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-8pm; Sat, 9am—2pm; and Sun 9am—2pm.

For information on baptism, matrimony and sick calls, contact the rectory.

Parish Connections—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com

Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

